

**EXHIBIT A**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, LLC, et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 12-12020 (MG)

Jointly Administered

**CERTIFICATION UNDER GUIDELINES FOR FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR PROFESSIONALS IN RESPECT OF AMENDED FINAL  
APPLICATION OF CHADBOURNE & PARKE LLP, COUNSEL  
TO THE EXAMINER, FOR ALLOWANCE OF  
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

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Howard Seife, on behalf of Chadbourne & Parke LLP, as counsel to the Court-appointed Examiner in the Chapter 11 cases of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby certifies, pursuant to the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases effective as of February 5, 2013 (the "Local Guidelines") and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330, adopted on January 30, 1996 (the "UST Guidelines" and, together with the Local Guidelines, the "Guidelines"), that:

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<sup>1</sup> The names of the Debtors in these cases and their respective tax identification numbers are identified on Exhibit 1 to the Affidavit of James Whitlinger, Chief Financial Officer of Residential Capital, LLC, in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings, filed with the Court on May 14, 2012. Additional subsidiaries and affiliates of the Debtors may file Chapter 11 petitions on a rolling basis. As used herein, the term "Debtors" includes any such entities.

1. I am a partner at Chadbourne & Park LLP ("Chadbourne"), counsel for Arthur J. Gonzalez, the Court-appointed examiner (the "Examiner") in the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases, and am the professional designated by the applicant, Chadbourne, for compliance with the Guidelines.

2. This certification is made in respect of the Amended Final Application of Chadbourne & Parke LLP, Counsel to the Examiner, for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Application") in accordance with the Guidelines.

3. In respect of the Guidelines, I certify that:

- (a) I have read the Application;
- (b) to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the fees and disbursements sought fall within the Guidelines;
- (c) the fees and disbursements sought are billed at rates and in accordance with practices customarily employed by Chadbourne and generally accepted by Chadbourne's clients; and
- (d) in providing a reimbursable service, Chadbourne does not make a profit on that service, whether the service is performed by Chadbourne in-house or through a third party.

4. I certify that Chadbourne has complied with the Guidelines and that the Examiner has reviewed and approved the Application.

5. I certify that Chadbourne has provided to counsel to the Debtors, counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "U.S. Trustee"), on a monthly basis, a statement of Chadbourne's fees and disbursements accrued during the previous month.

6. In respect of the Guidelines, I certify that the Debtors, counsel to the Debtors, counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and the U.S. Trustee, are each being provided with a copy of the Application at least fourteen days before the hearing on the Application.

7. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, with respect to the disbursements for which reimbursement is sought: (i) Chadbourne does not make a profit on such disbursement; (ii) Chadbourne does not include in the amount for which reimbursement is sought the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment or capital layout; and (iii) Chadbourne requests reimbursement only for the amount billed to Chadbourne by the third-party vendor and paid by Chadbourne to such vendor.

8. With respect to photocopying and facsimile transmission expenses, Chadbourne's charges do not exceed the maximum rate set by the Guidelines (there is no charge for incoming facsimile transmissions). These charges are intended to cover Chadbourne's direct operating costs for photocopying and facsimile facilities, which costs are not incorporated into Chadbourne's hourly billing rates. Only clients who actually use photocopying, facsimile, and other such office services are separately charged for the same. The effect of including such expenses as part of the hourly billing rates would impose that cost upon clients who do not require extensive photocopying, facsimile, and document production facilities and services.

9. The time constraints frequently imposed by the circumstances of these cases have required Chadbourne's attorneys and other employees at times to devote substantial amounts of time during the evenings and on weekends to the performance of legal services on behalf of the Examiner. Consistent with firm policy, attorneys and other employees of

Chadbourn who worked late into the evenings were reimbursed for their reasonable meal costs and their cost for transportation home. Chadbourn's regular practice is not to include components for those charges in overhead when establishing billing rates and to charge its clients for these and all other out-of-pocket disbursements incurred during the regular course of the rendition of services. The reimbursement of these requested disbursements are consistent with the provisions set forth in the Guidelines.

10. In addition, on some occasions, same day and overnight delivery of documents and other materials was required as a result of deadlines necessitating the use of such express services. These disbursements are not included in Chadbourn's overhead for the purpose of setting billing rates.

11. With respect to long-distance travel expenses, reimbursement for airfare is sought at "coach class" rates which is in accordance with the Guidelines.

12. Chadbourn does not seek reimbursement for expenses relating to proofreading in this Application, nor are any such charges included in Chadbourn's overhead for the purpose of setting billing rates.

13. In accordance with the Guidelines, in seeking reimbursement for long distance telephone charges, Chadbourn currently charges clients its approximate actual cost paid to its long distance carriers.

14. With respect to legal research expenses, Chadbourn has entered into flat-fee contracts with Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw for the provision of online research services. In order to determine charges to individual clients, the flat fees charged to Chadbourn by

Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw are allocated among those clients based on the actual number and scope of searches conducted on behalf of those clients.

15. In seeking reimbursement for all services billed by a third party such as outside professional services, Chadbourne bills its clients at the actual costs incurred.

16. In providing reimbursable services, Chadbourne bills at rates which are in accordance with the practices customarily employed by Chadbourne and generally accepted by its clients. In providing these services, Chadbourne bills out the charges at rates which are determined by Chadbourne in good faith to be sufficient only to cover its costs and does not provide a profit from these services.

17. Chadbourne has made every effort to minimize its disbursements in these cases. The actual expenses incurred in providing professional services were absolutely necessary, reasonable, and justified under the circumstances to serve the needs of the Examiner.

18. By this certification Chadbourne does not waive or release any rights or entitlements it has under the order of this Court dated August 9, 2012, approving, under section 327(a) of title 11, United States Code, Chadbourne's retention by the Examiner pursuant to Chadbourne's normal billing rates and customary reimbursement and disbursement practices.

Dated: New York, New York  
March 3, 2014

/s/ Howard Seife  
Howard Seife